

NOVEMBER 2023

100 YEARS

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM



100 YEAR CELEBRATION:
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BOOKS & BEYOND

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ALL ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM LOCATIONS

Orange County Library System turns 100 and **YOU'RE INVITED** to celebrate with us. Stop by any library location from **October 25 to November 8** and fill out a birthday card for us to display. On November 8, visit your favorite branch and get a cookie, while supplies last.

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HOUSE DISTRICT 35
SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION EARLY VOTING

ALAFAYA BRANCH
Saturday October 28 – Sunday November 5

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WAIVE FINES
goodbye

**Orange County Library
 System is fine free!**
**No fines means no worries
 about returning your late
 books!**



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, November 15, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR |

This year, we've focused a lot on what our library system can do to be more supportive of our community. We want to be involved and engaged with those doing good things around us.

So, when we learned that Orange County was open to having us participate in the annual Mayor's Holiday Toy Drive, a tradition that helps bring a little extra cheer to families in need during the holiday season, we were all in. This is the first year the library has participated in the toy drive, and we're excited to have all 15 library locations serve as drop-off points for customers who want to donate a new, unwrapped toy or gift suitable for children ages 18 and under.

The Mayor's Toy Drive is going into its 13th year of collecting gifts for kids, which are then distributed to families through the county's Neighborhood Centers for Families, nonprofit organizations and other agencies that serve children and families in our area. Last year, more than 9,000 toys were donated – more than 120 families served by the county's Neighborhood Centers for Families received toys, as did 30 children from struggling Orange County employee families. Toys were also donated to 12 local charity organizations to distribute to families they serve.

Help us make this year's Mayor's Holiday Toy Drive a success. Beginning November 6, drop off your donation to any Orange County Library System location, and we'll make sure it gets delivered to Orange County as part of the drive.

Your gift doesn't have to be a high-end item. You can donate things like board games, books, dolls, action figures, sporting equipment, bike helmets, crafting kits and LEGO sets. If your donation requires batteries, please include those as well. We can't accept used toys, plush toys, cash or gift cards. You have until December 11 to make your in-person donation. If you can't get to a library location, the county has other drop-off sites you can visit, or you can donate online until December 4.

Need more information? Visit the Mayor's Toy Drive information page at ocfl.net/toydrive to get the details.



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Orange County Mayor's
**Holiday
TOY DRIVE**
BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Please give a new, unwrapped gift
for children ages 18 and under.
Donations benefit
Orange County Youth and Family Agencies.

TWO WAYS TO GIVE

**IN PERSON BY
MONDAY, DEC. 11, 2023**

**ONLINE BY
MONDAY, DEC. 4, 2023**

ORANGE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
LIBRARY SYSTEM
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FOX35 PLUS
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For more information, visit ocfl.net/ToyDrive



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Kit Includes:

- ♥ A hard case
- ♥ Electronic blood pressure monitor
- ♥ Arm cuff
- ♥ Self-monitored blood pressure user's guide
- ♥ Toolkit (educational materials & tracking log)

Blood pressure kits may be checked out for three weeks and must be returned to the Hiawassee or South Trail Branches.

BOOK SALE

Thursday–Sunday November 2–5, 2023

Thursday: *Friends Member Preview* 4–6 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30–5 p.m.

**Previously enjoyed books,
DVDs, CDs & more!**

Orlando Public Library | 101 E. Central Blvd.

Looking to start a new career or advance in your current one? LearningExpress Library offers free tools to study for license and endorsement exams for careers in fields like electrical, plumbing, commercial driving (CDL), teaching, civil service, postal service, nursing and more.

LIBRARY EVENTS

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INTRO TO DANCE

West Oaks Branch

Monday, November 13, 2 p.m.

Designed to inspire even the most self-conscious person to discover their inner dancer. Move, stretch and dance to fun, energizing music while exploring jazz and modern dance combinations.

Ages 18 and up.

Tea Social Hour

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, November 1 & 15, 5 p.m.

Need to unwind? Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cuppa, relax and chat while the library provides a meditative art activity.

Yoga for Adults

North Orange Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 1 p.m.

Yoga is for everyone: male and female; young and elderly; non-flexible and active! Attendees are encouraged to dress in comfortable clothing and bring their own mats. Designed for adults and seniors.

Creating a Culture of Mindfulness

Virtual

Thursdays, November 2 & 9, 7 p.m.

Discover the importance of resilience in our lives with parts two and three of the *Resilience and You* series. Explore how living with resilience helps us to be healthier, happier, more creative and open to change.

Beginner Line Dancing

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.

Learn beginner line dances to all types of music and discover a great way to exercise and have fun. Partners not needed. Non-stick sole shoes are recommended. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Improving Your Photos:

Basics of Composition

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 4, 1 p.m.

Have you wanted to improve your photography skills, but aren't sure where to start? Local photographer JJ Dennis will teach composition basics to help you take great photos. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library!

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, November 4, 2:30–5:30 p.m.

Have you heard about D&D and want to see what it's all about? Are you an experienced player looking for a new party? Join us at the library where every event is a new adventure! Recommended for ages 16 and up.

Puzzle Swap

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, November 4, 3:30 p.m.

Finished with an old puzzle and looking for something new? Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Please bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

Altered Books

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, November 5, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination and join us to discover the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Resin Jewelry

North Orange Branch

Monday, November 6, 4:30 p.m.

Create a pair of earrings, a necklace pendant, charms and more using UV resin.

Plant Clinic

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, November 11, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Bring your plants and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Fall Flowers Centerpiece Creations

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 9, 5–6:30 p.m.

Decorate your house for the fall season. Create fall flower centerpieces with book page flowers in beautiful vases.

Hygge Comfort

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m.

Break out your chunkiest sweater, sip some hot chocolate and learn about the Danish art of coziness. Participants will create their own glittery mason jar candles. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



THE NUTCRACKER PRESENTED BY THE CENTRAL FLORIDA BALLET
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m.
 Enjoy a live performance of scenes from the classic ballet *The Nutcracker*, presented by the Central Florida Ballet. To learn more about the Central Florida Ballet, visit centralfloridaballet.com



**ORLANDO BALLET PRESENTS:
 THE NUTCRACKER STORYTIME**
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, November 18, 11 a.m.
 Experience the tale of *The Nutcracker* with dancers from the Orlando Ballet. In celebration of the Orlando Ballet's 50th season dancers will be in costume for this unique storytime. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

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 JORDEN MORRIS | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Eatonville Weekend Wellness Workshop
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Enjoy making crafts? Want to organize a space within your home but don't want to break the bank with expensive storage items? Learn how to make items you need with the pride of making them yourself.

Drawing 101: Artist Hour
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, November 11, 3:30 p.m.
 Bring your own drawing project or use our supplies to practice drawing each month! Our teacher will be available to give tips on drawing basics. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Book Page Necklaces
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, November 12, 3 p.m.
 Get inspired by your favorite book and design your own unique necklace using recycled books and jewelry pieces. All supplies provided.

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, November 13, 9 a.m.
 Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you.

Benefits of Eating Fruits
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, November 15, 11 a.m.
 Explore the probiotic effects and other health benefits that fruits offer. A recipe and sample of a Greek yogurt parfait with fruit will be provided. Registration required.

Yoga for Digestion
Virtual
Thursday, November 16, 7 p.m.
 Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.
 Learn the basics of sketching through the use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. All you need is a no. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

AAHC Scholastic Award Ceremony
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, November 18, 10 a.m.–Noon
 The Asian American Heritage Council (AAHC) will recognize Asian American students for their excellence in academia, community service and preservation of culture and language during this ceremony.

TTRPG Academy: Props & Painting
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, November 18, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
 Explore a new tabletop role-playing game (TTRPG) every month as we play through a multitude of new releases and long-standing favorites. Recommended for ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Improv Puppetry With Power2Improv
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, November 19, 3–5 p.m.
 Learn the art of bringing a puppet to life to make them the focus of a game or story. You will disappear as cloth, plastic and foam come to life in front of the audience's eyes! Registration required.

Podcast Listening Club: Nostalgia
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, November 20, 6:30–8 p.m.
 Join us at Foxtail Coffee Co. inside the Dr. Phillips YMCA to discuss nostalgia's universal appeal to highlight our innate desire to reflect on the passage of time. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Adults
North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 25, 1–3 p.m.
 Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, November 27, 9 a.m.
 Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.

ART & DISPLAY

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THE EATONVILLE EXPERIENCE

Eatonville Branch

On Display Through December 15

Take an artistic exploration through the town that freedom built with Jonathan Tyson's latest collection, *The Eatonville Experience*. In this display, he captures the essence of the country's first all-Black self-governing municipality through the lens of Eatonville's historic landscape.

Meet the Artist: Jonathan Tyson

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, December 2, 3 p.m.

Join Jonathan Tyson as he takes us on an artistic exploration through the town that freedom built with *The Eatonville Experience*. Come learn about the inspiration behind his artistry.

Tyson, a local artist, has created artwork for Fortune 500 companies such as Disney, Marriott and the NFL. His artwork was recently featured at the 149th Unbridled Eve Derby Gala during the Kentucky Derby weekend. Be it a small hand-painted magnet or a large-scale mural, Tyson's artwork breathes life onto any canvas or surface his brush touches. His collections create a world where "Art is Life . . . Life is Art!" For more information about the artist, visit tysonartstudios.com.



MADE AT THE LIBRARY: SOUTHWEST LIBRARY FIBER ARTS

Southwest Branch

On Display Through December

Enjoy fiber art pieces created by students attending virtual and in-person fiber art classes at Southwest Branch taught by Rebecca Sung and Aly Oestreich. Included in the exhibit are embroidery, knitting, crocheting, sewing, sashiko and semamori.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY

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MUSICAL TRADITIONS INCORPORATED CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, November 4, 3 p.m.

Hear talented young musicians perform a range of music from folk songs to selections from *The Sound of Music*.

CUISINE CORNER

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PERUVIAN CEVICHE

Virtual

Monday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make a traditional Peruvian ceviche dish. This flavorful dish is made with fresh fish marinated in lime juice.

Plantain Cream Soup
with Aranjitas

Virtual

Wednesday, November 8, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to pair the crispy fried goodness of aranjitas with a simple plantain cream soup.

Cuisine Corner Junior:
Avocado Toast

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 p.m.

Let's take it back to the 2010s by indulging in a food trend that took the world by storm: avocado toast! Recommended for ages 8-17.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, November 11, 2–4 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

SOLD OUT

NEIL GAIMAN
IN CONVERSATION WITH
ART SPIEGELMAN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 8 P.M.
DR. PHILLIPS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS
100 Year Celebration Signature Author Event
presented by:
FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM
dr. phillips center

Neil Gaiman (Photograph Courtesy of MasterClass) Art Spiegelman (Credit: Enno Kapitza-Agentur Focus)

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

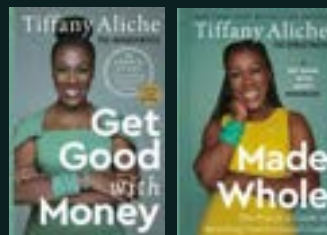
For more author events, scan or visit ocls.info/meet-author



Author Talk With
John Stamos
Virtual

Wednesday, November 1, 8 p.m.

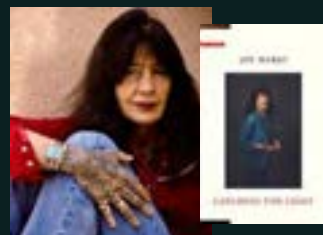
Join us for a conversation with *Full House* star, John Stamos, as he leads us through his incredibly moving and vulnerable memoir, *If You Would Have Told Me*.



Author Talk With
Tiffany Aliche
Virtual

Thursday, November 9, 2 p.m.

Join us for a conversation with *New York Times* bestseller Tiffany Aliche, where she will share the ins and out of budgeting, investing, estate planning and more.



Author Talk With
Joy Harjo
Virtual

Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m.

United States Poet Laureate and winner of the 2022 Academy of American Poets Leadership Award, Joy Harjo, joins us for a chat about her most recent memoir, *Catching the Light*.



Author Talk With
Naomi Alderman
Virtual

Thursday, November 30, 3 p.m.

Bestselling and award-winning author, Naomi Alderman will join us to talk about her new book, *The Future*.

USING SCENE AND SEQUEL TO PACE AND STRUCTURE YOUR FICTION

Virtual

Thursday, November 30, 7 p.m.

Author José Pablo Iriarte will discuss how to make your story a page turner using the scene and sequel method, which gives the reader a chance to have an emotional response before the next high point.



Pitch, Polish, Repeat
Presented by Florida SCBWI

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, November 4, 10:30 a.m.

Artist, writer and adventurer Fred Koehler will share his writer's roadmap and goal sheet to success. Everyone will leave with feedback on their current work and stories they might want to write next. Registration required.

Write-In With NaNoWriMo

Winter Garden Branch

Mondays, November 6–27, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for quiet writing time at your library. Bring a laptop or notebook and write alongside other local writers. NaNoWriMo is National Novel Writing Month. Learn more at nanowrimo.org. All writers welcome.

How to Write a Book Series

Virtual

Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.

Author Shannon Thompson will discuss how to write a series by exploring how to use outlines, book bibles and subplots to keep each book consistent, but also fresh and exciting.

So You Want to Be Published

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, November 18, 3:30 p.m.

Interested in writing a book and having it published? Finished writing a book, and wondering what to do next? Join author Lauren Gibaldi as she gives an overview of the publishing process, from beginning to end.

Writing Workshop:

Understanding Show, Don't Tell

Virtual

Sunday, November 19, 1 p.m.

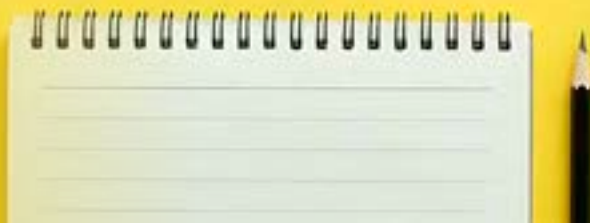
Janice Hardy, author of *Understanding Show, Don't Tell*, will discuss a common writing mistake that can make prose feel flat and stale. Learn how to spot told prose, how to fix it and when not to.

What Not to Do in a Query Letter

Virtual

Tuesday, November 28, 7 p.m.

Author Elle Ire offers a look at gaffes querying writers make in their letters to literary agents, with examples of query letters that did work to earn the writer that coveted agent representation.

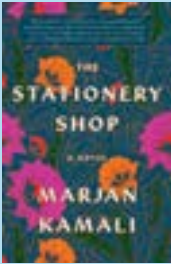


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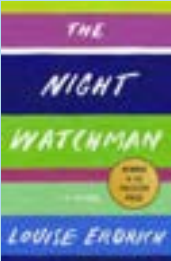
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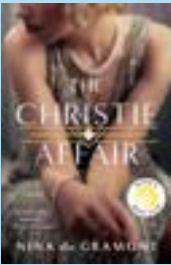
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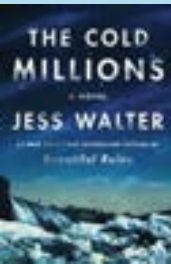
Alafaya Book Club
Virtual
Thursday, November 2, 7 p.m.
The Stationery Shop by Marjan Kamali
The award-winning author of *Together Tea* presents a debut novel in which a young couple, separated in 1953 Tehran by a violent coup d'état, reunite by chance after more than half a century.



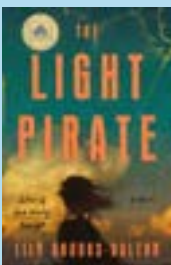
Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch
Monday, November 13, 3 p.m.
Virtual
Monday, November 13, 7 p.m.
The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich
A historical novel based on the life of the National Book Award-winning author's grandfather traces the experiences of a Chippewa Council night watchman in mid-19th-century rural North Dakota who fights Congress to enforce Native American treaty rights.



Hiawassee Book Club
Virtual
Monday, November 20, 7–8:30 p.m.
The Christie Affair by Nina De Gramont
Brilliantly reimagining the unexpected 11-day disappearance of Agatha Christie that captivated the world, this novel is told from the point of Miss Nan O'Dea, who infiltrated the Christies' wealthy, rarified world to destroy their marriage.

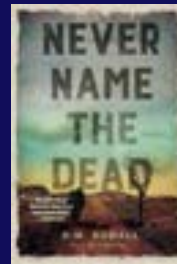


Southwest Book Club
Southwest Branch
Thursday, November 30, 2–3:30 p.m.
Online
Tuesday, November 28, 7–8:45 p.m.
The Cold Millions by Jess Walter
Enduring the corruption of their union employment, two young day laborers are respectively drawn to a feminist activist and a vaudeville singer whose experiences reflect an unjust world on the brink of upheaval.

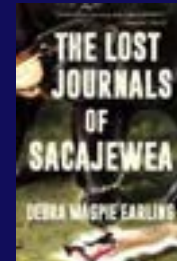


Nature Walk Book Club
Southwest Branch
Monday, November 13, 10 a.m.–Noon
Join us for a walk outdoors at Shadow Bay Park followed by discussion of *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Y Read: Book Read Aloud
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, November 4–25, 2–3:30 p.m.
Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading a book aloud with others at Y Read Book Club, hosted by the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Meetings will be held in the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA Conference Room. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



Never Name the Dead
by D. M. Rowell
Old grudges, tribal traditions and outside influences collide for a Kiowa woman as forces threaten her family, her tribe and the land of her ancestors.



The Lost Journals of Sacajewea
by Debra Magpie Earling
Stolen from her village and then gambled away to a French Canadian trapper and trader, Sacajewea, determined to survive and triumph, crosses a vast and brutal terrain with her newborn son, the white man who owns her and a company of men who wish to conquer the world she loves.



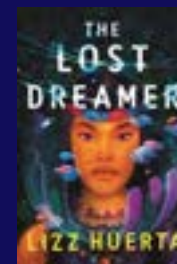
Seed to Plate, Soil to Sky: Modern Plant-based Recipes Using Native American Ingredients
by Lois Ellen Frank
This enriching cookbook celebrates eight important plants Native Americans introduced to the rest of the world – corn, beans, squash, chile, tomato, potato, vanilla and cacao – with more than 100 recipes.



The Song That Called Them Home
by David A. Robertson & Maya McKibbin
A picture book about two siblings who go on a strange, beautiful adventure while visiting with their grandfather.



Codex Black: A Fire Among Clouds
by Camilo Moncada Lozano
Navigate through monsters, mysteries and the will of the gods with two young extraordinary adventurers in fifteenth-century Mesoamerica as they search for a missing father.



The Lost Dreamer
by Lizz Huerta
A lush, immersive debut fantasy about a group of women whose way of life is threatened by a new king; a fierce celebration of community, sisterhood and finding our power.



GENEALOGY CONVERSATIONS AT THANKSGIVING

Virtual

Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to jump-start your genealogy and family tree research. Learn how to discover information while you are sitting around the table with family members.

Hard To Find Ancestors

Virtual

Wednesday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we discuss techniques you can use to find your ancestors even if they didn't leave a large trail of records behind.

Finding Your Roots Series: Military Records

Virtual

Thursday, November 2, Noon

Military records have been created throughout our history regardless of whether or not there was a war being waged. Learn how military records can help you to uncover information on your ancestors.

Genealogy and the Law Study Group

Virtual

Tuesdays, November 7–21, 1 p.m.

Join us for our Genealogy and the Law study group focusing on legal sources for the family historian.

DPLA and Genealogy

Virtual

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Discover the Digital Public Library of America and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

Finding Your Roots Series: DNA Testing

Virtual

Thursday, November 9, Noon

This week will cover DNA testing. Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available.

Finding Your Roots Series:

Ancestors' Stories in Newspapers

Virtual

Thursday, November 16, Noon

Join us as we explore how you can use newspapers to expand your family history research and learn more about your ancestors.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual

Sunday, November 19, 11 a.m.

Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Using DNAPainter.com

Virtual

Tuesday, November 28, 1 p.m.

Learn about the key DNA tools and features available on the [DNAPainter.com](https://www.dnainter.com) website.

Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com

Virtual

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.

Discover all of the tools and resources [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) has to help you build your family tree online.

Connecting With Cousins

Virtual

Thursday, November 30, Noon

Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches.



WHAT ARE THE FIVE COMPONENTS OF ESTATE PLANNING?

LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, November 16, 12:10 p.m.
 Join Kimberly Soto, Esq., The Soto Law Office, P.A. as she talks about the five components of estate planning. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Adult Karaoke Night
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, November 2, 5–6:30 p.m.

Bring on the night by singing! Come on in and sing your way through the karaoke night!

Medicare and Marketplace
 Annual Enrollment Help Desk

South Trail Branch
Monday, November 6, 1–5 p.m.

Join Collette Rance, a former teacher and experienced Medicare scholar, to review your 2024 benefits for your existing plan or look for alternative Medicare options. Registration required.

Medicare Monday
Washington Park Branch
Mondays, November 13 & 27, 1–2:30 p.m.

Join Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims, experienced Medicare educators, for this no sales, no pressure Medicare event.

Qigong Movement and Breathing
Southwest Branch
Friday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.

Learn ancient qigong practice with modern day instructor Jasmine Win. Using the five elements of life, students will undergo an empowering and uplifting shift to take control of their health and lives.



Level Up Orange Neighborhood Navigators

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, November 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 1–3 p.m.

Level Up Orange offers career exploration, training and internships, and job placement to Orange County residents who qualify. Level Up Orange is a program of CareerSource Central Florida.

The program is funded by Orange County government using federal dollars. This project is being supported, in whole or part, by federal award number HR 1319, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901, awarded to Orange County, FL by the Department of Treasury.



Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, November 7, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, November 14, 2:30 p.m.

You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

ENGLISH CONVERSATION HOUR

Practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcome!

Chickasaw Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 12:30 p.m.
Saturdays, November 4 & 18, 12:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursdays, November 2–26, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesdays, November 7 & 14, 1:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Fridays, November 3 & 17, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturdays, November 11–25, Noon

Virtual

Wednesday, November 1–29, Noon
Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 2 p.m.
Saturday, November 4, Noon

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

English from Zero classes are designed for beginning English learners. Each workshop has a specific target topic.

South Trail Branch

Wednesdays, November 1–29, 11:30 a.m.
Fridays, November 3 & 17, 11:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 11 a.m.
Saturdays, November 4 & 18, 11 a.m.
Mondays, November 6–27, 5:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 4:45 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesdays, November 7–28, 4 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturdays, November 11–25, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Sundays, November 12 & 26, 2 p.m.

Virtual

Wednesdays, November 1–29, 3 p.m.
Saturdays, November 4, 10:30 a.m.
Mondays, November 6–27, 3 p.m.
Mondays, November 6–27, 6:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, November 7–28, 3:30 p.m.

English from Zero: Level 1

South Creek Branch

Thursdays, November 2–16, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, November 7 & 14, 10:30 a.m.

Each workshop consists of phonics learning, new vocabulary, reading and comprehension.

English from Zero: Level 2

South Creek Branch

Thursdays, November 2–16, Noon
Tuesdays, November 7 & 14, Noon

Each workshop consists of phonics learning, reading and comprehension, grammar and speaking skills.

Introducción al Inglés

South Trail Branch

Friday, November 3, 4–5:30 p.m.

Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo mas básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática y conversación.

Writing Clearly for Beginners

Virtual

Tuesdays, November 7–28, 10:30 a.m.

Review basic sentence writing and grammar points in English.



LANGUAGE CLASSES

Creole Connect

South Trail Branch**Wednesdays, November 1–29, 2 p.m.**

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Práctica Spanish Conversation

Virtual**Wednesdays, November 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.**

¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

"Hola Amigos" – Spanish from Zero for Kids
With Ms. Brenda**Virtual****Mondays, November 6, 13 & 27, 6 p.m.**

Spanish for children and families.

Spanish from Zero – Intermediate
With Ms. Brenda**Virtual****Tuesdays, November 7–28, 10:30 a.m.****Thursdays, November 9, 16 & 30, 4 p.m.**

Learn intermediate level Spanish grammar.

Spanish from Zero – Basics With Ms. Brenda

Virtual**Tuesdays, November 7–28, 4 p.m.**

Learn the basic sounds of Spanish.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids

Fairview Shores Branch**Tuesdays, November 7–28, 4:30 p.m.**

Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

Beginner Mandarin Chinese for Adults

Alafaya Branch**Sundays, November 12–26, 3 p.m.**

In this beginner series for adults, Jenny Forest Lin, principal of the Oviedo Chinese School, Inc., will introduce students to the basics of Mandarin Chinese.

Bilingual Interactions With Ms. Brenda

Virtual**Tuesdays, November 21 & 28, 5 p.m.**

Bilingual conversational interactions with Ms. Brenda.



CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

Hiwassee Branch**Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, 10:30 a.m.****Windermere Branch****Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, 3 p.m.****Southeast Branch****Saturdays, November 4 & 11, 10 a.m.****South Creek Branch****Saturday, November 4, 3:30 p.m.****Fairview Shores Branch****Mondays, November 6–27, 5 p.m.****Virtual****Tuesdays & Wednesdays, November 7, 8, 14, 15, 3–5 p.m.**

During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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Totem Tales

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 4 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

Thursday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.

Get inspired by the Native American totem animals! Learn about the history and symbolism behind these animals and create your own totem pole together. Recommended for families.

Indigenous Tales

South Creek Branch

Thursday, November 2, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, learn about the indigenous people of North America. Appreciate their cultures through stories, songs and crafts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Feather Necklace

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 4:30 p.m.

Make a colorful Native American style necklace with feathers and beads. A fine motor activity for children, perfect for the season. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Earth Tales

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 9, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers will engage in Native American stories, songs and activities that promote early literacy and participate in a craft. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Code Talkers

Southeast Branch

Thursday, November 9, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, November 25, 3 p.m.

Learn to make and break codes while exploring the fascinating history of the Navajo Code Talkers from World War II. Recommended for families with children ages 5–12.

Florida Natives

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.

Experience a day in the life of Florida's first people and learn about their history and culture through engaging hands-on activities.

Teen Art Adventures:

Native American Weaving

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 2:30 p.m.

Create your very own weaving project inspired by Native American designs and weaving styles. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Journey to the Pacific

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 11 a.m.

Learn about Sacagawea and how she aided the Lewis and Clark Expedition as a guide in their journey to explore uncharted lands to the west. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Way Back When the Seminoles Ruled the Everglades

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the “Unconquered People” and explore traditional Seminole games, dolls, mythology and history. Recommended for ages 6–12.

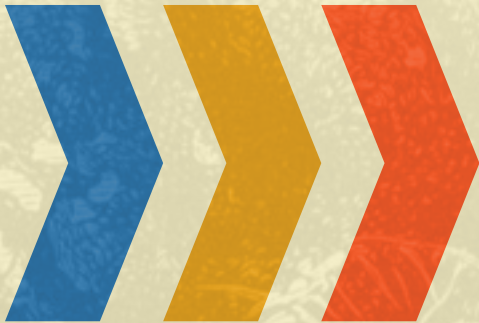
Pirates! All Aboard to Florida:

Exploring Indigenous Tribes

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, November 30, 4:30 p.m.

All aboard to read tales and learn all about the indigenous tribes of Florida with your favorite quirky pirate crew!



FAMILY ART ADVENTURES: JULIE FLETT

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, November 9, 3 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Friday, November 17, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 4 p.m.

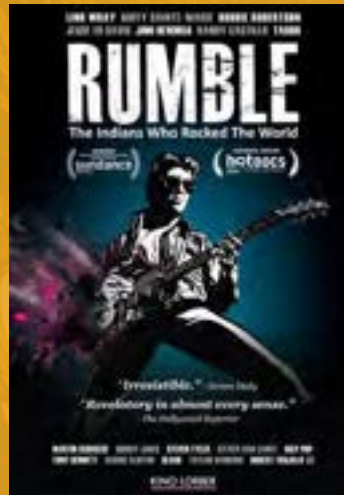
Learn about Julie Flett, a Cree-Métis author and illustrator, whose art champions intergenerational bonds. Then create artwork reflecting your family. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

NAVAJO WEAVING

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, November 7, 3:30 p.m.

Learn about the Navajo Nation through this hands-on weaving project for beginners. Recommended for ages 6–10.



CELEBRATE THROUGH FILM: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursdays, November 2 & 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month through film this November.





100 YEAR CELEBRATION

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EVERY MONTH DURING 2023, WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY BY HIGHLIGHTING EACH DECADE THE LIBRARY HAS BEEN OPEN WITH SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS THAT ILLUMINATE OUR HISTORY AND ENHANCE OUR PRESENT. IN OCTOBER, WE LOOK BACK AT THE 2010S.

100 YEARS OF OCLS: 1923–2023

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, November 8, 11 a.m.

Celebrate 100 Years of OCLS by exploring people, events, locations and initiatives that have shaped our path to the award-winning library system we are today. Discover why our future looks so bright.

OCLS IN THE 2010s

January 2010
Hiawasse Branch moves to its current home on Hiawasse Road and West Colonial Drive

April 2010
OCLS is named Florida Library of the Year by the Florida Library Association

April 2012
Kendrick B. Melrose makes a \$1 million donation in memory of his mother, Dorothy Lumley Melrose, to OCLS to establish The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity

October 2012
The library's mascot, Squirt, celebrates his 10th birthday

February 2014
The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity officially opens

February 2015
West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center celebrates its grand re-opening after the library's genealogy collection was moved from Orlando Public Library to the newly renovated West Oaks Branch

July 2015
Chickasaw Branch opens to the public

October 2016
The Sewing Studio at Orlando Public Library opens, funded by the Mayor's Matching Grant Program

May 2018
OCLS is selected as one of the recipients of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service by the Institute of Museum and Library Services

June 2019
Fairview Shores Branch opens, replacing the former Edgewater Branch



A Decade in Film: 2010s

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesdays, November 1 & 22, 11 a.m.

This series explores film through each of the decades our library has been open! Celebrate the history of film every single month in 2023.

Art 101: 2010s Emoji Art

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, November 14, 5:30 p.m.

Let everyone know how you really feel by turning your favorite emoji into a piece of art to display for all to see. Ages 18 and up. Space is limited. Registration required.

100 Year Celebration Reading Challenge for Adults

ocls.beanstack.org
January 1– December 31

It was 100 years ago that the first seeds of Orange County Library System were planted. The library is challenging you to participate in activities all year long in celebration of our centennial anniversary.



100 YEAR CELEBRATION

All Library Locations
Wednesday, November 8, 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

Step back in time to celebrate 100 years of Orange County Library System. Enjoy crafts, activities and treats.

YOUTH EVENTS

Family Art Adventures: 100 Years of Art
Southeast Branch
Friday, November 3, 4 p.m.
Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library's 100th birthday! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

STEM 100
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.
What does 100 look like? How can we use 100 of something? Celebrate 100 years of the library in STEM stations completing different activities, each using 100 items! Recommended for ages 3–5.

Centipede's 100 Shoes
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m.
Help centipede put on his 100 shoes, then crawl into the celebration with stories, songs and rhymes about centipedes and other bugs in honor of the library's 100th birthday! Recommended for ages 3–5.

One Hundred Years of Picture Books
South Creek Branch
Monday, November 20, 2:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, November 29, 4 p.m.
Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will have the opportunity to become picture book illustrators. Recommended for ages 6–8.

The 100 Word Challenge
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, November 22, 4 p.m.
Connect and collaborate with others through games and competitions, while showcasing your storytelling skills at the celebration of the century! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.



THE HISTORY OF ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM: THE MELROSE CENTER

BY JIM MYERS, MELROSE CENTER DEPARTMENT HEAD

On April 16, 2012, Orange County Library System received the largest single private gift in its history when benefactor Kendrick B. Melrose donated \$1 million in memory of his mother, Dorothy Lumley Melrose. The family lived in Orlando during Kendrick's childhood, and he cited his mother's strong support of libraries and keen interest in emerging technology as the inspiration for approaching OCLS. The gift was used to begin the construction of The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity.

The Melrose Center opened on February 9, 2014. Occupying 26,000 square feet on the second floor of Orlando Public Library, the Center's mission was to expand the role of the library as a provider of informal learning and technology education. A staff of subject-matter experts was assembled to provide practical training relevant to the spaces, equipment and software in the Center, allowing community members to be both contributors to and consumers of emerging technologies. From the start, the Center offered an array of resources to inspire and support creativity and innovation, as well as substantial educational opportunities to make the most of those resources.

The Center's Fab Lab hosted classes on basic electronics, 3D printing and robotics. A presentation area known as Tech Central hosted tech talks led by staff and guests. An interactive media wall was also available. The Simulator Lab consisted of a flight, driving, excavator and forklift simulator that customers could reserve after completing a training class. Two audio recording sound booths were also immediately available. Rounding out the Center's state-of-the-art offerings were the Audio, Photo and Video studios, providing fully-equipped spaces accessible to customers who passed studio assessments.

The Melrose Center has remained committed to maintaining cutting-edge equipment and software in all its spaces, refining ways for



users to access resources and exploring ways to grow. The addition of virtual reality stations and game design equipment helped transform the Simulator Lab into what is known today as the Game Development Lab. The three studios have seen multiple updates to remain current with industry trends. The Fab Lab introduced a laser cutter, more robust 3D printers and other tools, along with newly developed training that allowed customers access to maker stations during Open Lab days.

Community meetups and staff workshops have been an important part of the Melrose Center since its inception, but along the way, signature events emerged and garnered positive attention in the community. At the Center's first anniversary celebration in February 2015, the Melrose Awards debuted to honor the top projects made by Melrose Center users, and in 2018 the Melrose Film Festival made its debut, featuring short films from more than 20 countries. *Melrose in the Mix* started in 2017 as live recording sessions featuring local and touring musicians performing in front of an intimate studio audience and in 2020 began airing on PBS affiliate WUCF. In early 2020, the audio team introduced the *Reel to Real* podcast, featuring Grammy Award-winning engineer Bruce Hensal.

From March 2020 until April 2021, the Melrose Center was forced to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic. During that time,



Melrose staff pivoted to offering hundreds of online classes, workshops and educational videos. Through the first few months of the pandemic, Fab Lab instructors used the Center's 3D printers and laser cutter to create over 1,300 face shields, which were donated to local medical workers. By spring 2022, the Melrose Center was seeing in-person activity equal or surpass pre-pandemic levels.

The construction of a professionally equipped performance stage and lighting system was completed in time for the Library's 100 Year kickoff celebration in January 2023. The stage is home to the popular Second Saturday Improv show, music events and other activities. It also serves as a teaching space for show production and performing arts classes.

February 2024 will mark the 10th anniversary of the Center, by which time more than 20,000 people will have become members. Melrose has never been busier. Over 90% of available studio sessions are booked. Approximately 3,000 people attend in-person class annually, with hundreds more attending classes online. The popularity of the sound booths has warranted the addition of two new ones, including a large booth for group sessions. As always, updates to equipment and software are routinely carried out to meet user expectations. All the while, staff strive to provide practical and engaging learning opportunities, ensuring the Melrose Center continues to serve as a testament to Kendrick Melrose's remarkable public-spirited generosity.



GREAT FIBER GIFTS

Get ready for the season of giving with personal handmade gifts. From sewn kitchen accessories to knitted gift toppers we have something ready for everyone on your list.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns

Virtual

Thursdays, November 2–30, 10:15–11:15 a.m.

Learn to stitch using sashiko hand-sewing techniques. This Japanese hand-sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.

Sewing: Wine Carrier Gift Bag

Orlando Public Library

Saturdays, November 4–18, 10 a.m.–Noon

Make a gift of wine or other food item more memorable by creating pretty fabric packaging. These gift bags can be made for any occasion.

Sewing: Chef's Apron

Orlando Public Library

Monday–Wednesday,

November 6–8, 10 a.m.–Noon

Perfect gift for the cook in your life. Learn to sew a Chef's Apron from start to finish using patterns, fabric and professional sewing machines.

Let's Knit Gift Toppers

Virtual

Mondays,

November 6–December 18, 10:30–Noon

Create mini gift toppers to decorate and gift in this seven-part class. Learn and practice knitting techniques such as working on double-pointed needles, two-color-brioche, I-cord and more!



Explore new techniques, get ideas for projects and find helpful patterns in our featured fiber arts book

Zakka from the Heart by Minki Kim

Zakka is a fashion and design trend referring to anything that improves the quality of life. Minki Kim shares 16 Zakka projects incorporating quilting, appliqué and embroidery for useful sewn handmade gifts like purses, pouches and pillows.



ARTES DE FIBRA EN ESPAÑOL

Costura: Bolsas de Regalo para cada ocasión

North Orange Branch

lunes, 13 de noviembre, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

¡Impresiona a esa persona especial envolviendo su regalo en una bolsa de regalo hecha a mano! Estas bolsas de regalo se pueden hacer para cualquier ocasión. Son rápidos y fáciles de hacer

Tejido en Croché:

Soporte para cubiertos

North Orange Branch

martes, 14 y 21 de noviembre, 5–6:30 p.m.

Crea un divertido proyecto de crochet. Aprende a tejer en la ronda mientras cose un soporte para cubiertos con forma de pavo para adornar la mesa.

Let's Knit a Mini Dumpling Bag

Southwest Branch

Tuesdays, November 7 & 28,

10:15 a.m.–Noon

Give the gift of fiber! Make a mini version of the dumpling bag to give or keep. Learn techniques such as Judy's Magic Cast-On, knitting in the round and seaming.

Sewing: Oven Mitts

Chickasaw Branch

Thursdays, November 9 & 16, 3–5 p.m.

This oven mitt can be made in just a couple of hours and makes a perfect gift! Holiday-themed mitts are always a hit.

Sewing: Fabric Bookmarks

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Tuesday, November 28, 3–5 p.m.

Do you have a bucket of fabric scraps? Create these DIY fabric bookmarks! This project is perfect because it only needs 4" x 4" scraps of fabric.

Sewing: Gift Bags for Every Occasion

North Orange Branch

Saturday, November 11, 2–4 p.m.

Impress that special someone in your life by wrapping their gift in a handmade gift bag! These gift bags can be made for any occasion. They are fast and easy to make and each one is unique.

Sewing: Easy Potholders

Orlando Public Library

Monday, November 13, 10 a.m.–Noon

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, November 30, 3–5 p.m.

Ready for your first sewing project or just want to make a unique potholder for your kitchen? Learn to make a simple and easy potholder with fabric and batting.

Sewing: Soup Bowl Cozy

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, November 15, 10 a.m.–Noon

Here's an easy-to-make solution to burnt fingers and spilled soup. Protect hands and furniture from hot soup, chili and oatmeal with this easy sewing project. Great for yourself or as a gift.

Let's Embroider Paper Cards

Virtual

Friday, November 17, 4–5:30 p.m.

Craft a homemade card for any occasion using basic embroidery stitches and some new techniques.

Sewing: Gift Card Holder

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This gift card holder project is a great way to use up larger scraps. These mini envelopes or gift card holders are easy to make and the perfect way to personalize your gift!

Sewing: Holiday Stockings

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, November 28,

10 a.m.–Noon & 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern to create a custom stocking. Learn some basic lining and cuff sewing techniques.

TECHNOLOGY

OCLS.INFO/TECHCLASSES

GET STARTED WITH WEB DESIGN

Learn the foundations of HTML to begin your web design journey!

HTML Level 1

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 2:15 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Friday, November 3, 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

Want to expand your skills? Learn how to layout webpages using HTML5 tags. In this class, learn how to create a header, footer and different sections.

HTML Level 2

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Friday, November 3, 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 12:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 11 a.m.

Learn basic web design processes and terminology and how to create a simple webpage using HTML tags.

HTML Level 3

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 2:15 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Friday, November 17, 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.

Want to display data properly on your webpage? Learn how to build a responsive table to showcase your data.

HTML Level 4

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Friday, November 17, 3 p.m.

Saturday, November 25, 12:30 p.m.

Do you want to interact with your users? Learn how to create an interactive form to collect data from your site's visitors.

CUSTOM CODING

Jump into coding while school is out! Find more learning opportunities for kids ages 5–17 at ocls.info/schoolbreak.

Let's Code an Ocean AI
(Ages 7–9)

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 2:15 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Monday, November 20, 10:30 a.m.

Machines can learn just like us! Explore the ocean while learning how machines can see patterns and predict outcomes.

Code with SpriteBox
(Ages 7–9)

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.

Run and jump into coding with SpriteBox! Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles. Learn sequencing, parameters, debugging and looping using visual programming.

Code with SpriteBox
(Ages 10–12)

Orlando Public Library

Monday, November 20, Noon

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 2:15 p.m.

Run and jump into coding with SpriteBox! Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles. Learn sequencing, parameters, debugging and looping using Swift programming.

Code with JavaScript
(Ages 10–12)

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.

Write real code. Explore the JavaScript programming language with characters from Star Wars.

Code Sphero with JavaScript
(Ages 13–17)

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, November 21, Noon

Meet Sphero, the cute rolling robot. Use Sphero's LED matrix to display animations and pictures, then code your robot to roll along paths and through mazes.

Build a Website
(Ages 13–17)

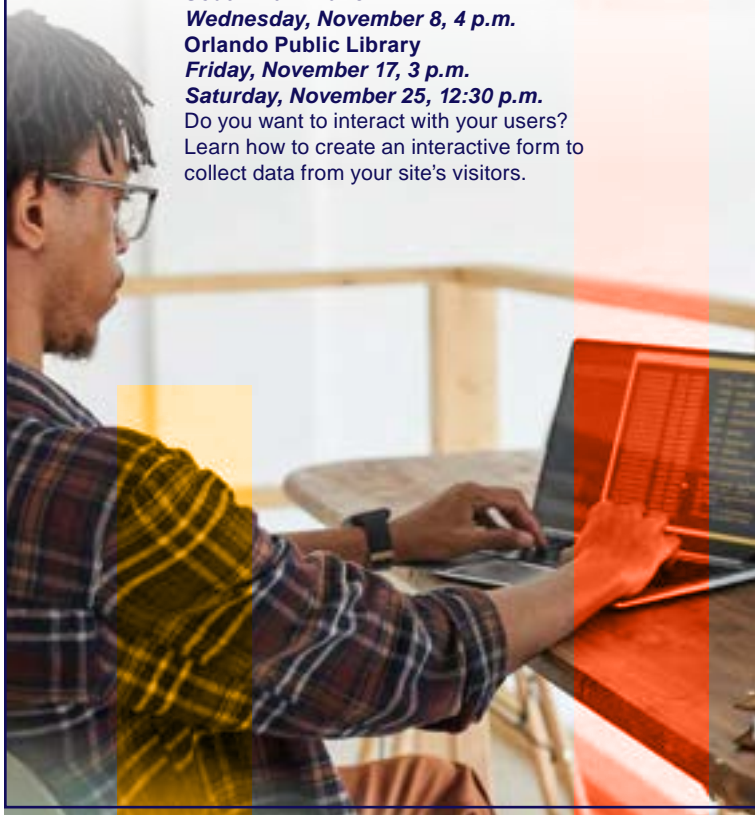
Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, November 22, Noon

Virtual

Friday, November 3, 4 p.m.

Create a website with WordPress. Customize the appearance and layout of your site to get the look you want by using a wide selection of free design options.



FOAMSMITHING PROP WORKSHOP: REALISTIC MINI-BARREL

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Tuesday, November 14, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Discover how to put together a ready for stage, cosplay or production prop barrel in a professionally guided workshop.



Melrose Theatre Meetups:
History Bluffs

Orlando Public Library,
Melrose Center

Sunday, November 5, 3 p.m.

Melrose is proud to host *History Bluffs*, a live comedy game show where truth is stranger than fiction!

SECOND SATURDAY IMPROV SHOW

Orlando Public Library,
Melrose Center

Saturday, November 11, 4 p.m.

Join us the second Saturday of each month at the Melrose Center for this fun filled roller coaster of laughs featuring improv actors from the Orlando improv community.

Meetups at Melrose:

Indienomicon Game Demo Day

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, November 4, 2 p.m.

If you want to learn about some of the most fun and exciting games being developed in your community by indie developers, then this monthly meetup is for you. This monthly meetup is hosted by Indienomicon and OMG Labs in partnership with the Melrose Center.





CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY
South Creek Branch
Thursday, November 9, 4:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Show your support and make a patriotic craft to honor our national heroes. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.



ArtMazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, November 11, 2:30 p.m.
 Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 4 p.m.
Saturday, November 11, 3 p.m.
 Bring your courage and your curiosity and join us for a "beary" fun day with a StoryWalk, snacks and activities. Recommended for ages families with children ages 5–12.

Creative Space
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 4:30 p.m.
 Families will explore different craft-related activities. We will read stories and challenge families to complete activities with basic materials. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Perler Bead Accessories & More
North Orange Branch
Thursday, November 16, 4:30–6 p.m.
 Create pixelated art with Perler beads. Design your very own accessories, make earrings, keychains, magnets and more with your own flair. Fall into fun with our autumn Perler designs!

Family Harvest Festival
North Orange Branch
Saturday, November 18, Noon–3 p.m.
 Hey pumpkins! It's time for our Family Harvest Festival! Play games, participate in activities and lots more!

Box Engineers
Southeast Branch
Saturday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.
 Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 22 & 29, 11 a.m.
Fridays, November 3 & 17, 11:35 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 11:45 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, November 6–27, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Mondays, November 6–20, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Mondays, November 6–27, 11:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, November 6–27, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, November 28, 11:30 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft
Southeast Branch
Monday, November 27, 11 a.m.
 Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore play with friends.

Family Zumba
Virtual
Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.
 Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout.

EARLY LEARNING

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BABY

AGES 0-18 MONTHS

Mother Goose on the Loose

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, November 2-30, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, November 28, 11 a.m.

Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

Mama Gansa

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 10:15 a.m.

A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills!

Babies Set Sail

Southwest Branch

Monday, November 20, 11 a.m.

All aboard! Discover boats and the ocean through stories, songs and fingerplays. Start establishing positive reading habits to create a lifelong love for reading.

BABY ANIMALS: IN THE SNOW

Southwest Branch

Monday, November 27, 11 a.m.

Explore baby animals in the winter with your little one. Listen to a story and learn through sensory play all while warming up to new friends.

BABY'S FIRST FALL FESTIVAL

Southeast Branch

Monday, November 6, 10:15 a.m.

The air is crisp, the apples are ripe, a fall gathering sounds just right! Bring your little one and meet up with your friends for a baby storytime and autumn fun.



TODDLER

AGES 18-36 MONTHS

C is for Cookie Monster

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 11 a.m.

Come and celebrate with us! November 2 is Cookie Monster's birthday so join us for stories, crafts and a special birthday wish! Recommended for ages 2-5.

Lots of Leaves

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m.

Leaves are falling, let's have some fun with them! Enjoy the sights and sounds of fall with stories, songs and crafts. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Artsy Toddler

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, November 7, 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 11 a.m.

Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Jumpin' Jubilee

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.

Celebrate with stories, songs, dancing and crafts in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Parachute Play

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.

Play, explore and learn about the world. Put thoughts into words by talking about what your child is doing and building positive social interactions with others.

Toddler Playground

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 11 a.m.

Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development and to have fun!



WHO HOOTS?

Southeast Branch

Monday, November 20, 10:15 a.m.

Who who who hoots in the night? An owl, that's who! Play and discover while learning all about our feathered friends.

Thankful Hands

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the fall season with interactive stations and get creative while crafting to share your gratitude. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Autumn Apples

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 11 a.m.

Create and participate in fall crafts, activities and sorting games. Strengthen your child's fine and gross motor skills and develop problem-solving strategies together.

A Trip to the Grocery Store

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

Grab those shopping lists! It is time to sort, count and experiment with all things food.

Bubble Playtime

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class.

The Cow Says Moo

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, November 28, 11 a.m.

Learn about the library's new dairy calf mascot and get MOO-ving with fun songs, stories and crafts about our gentle farm friends.

Gobble It Up!

Southeast Branch

Thursday, November 30, 4:30 p.m.

Gobble-gobble, wobble-wobble, let the feast begin! Trot into the library to gobble up some turkey stories, have fun with turkey activities and more!

STORYTIME CRAFT

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, November 1-29, 10:30 a.m.

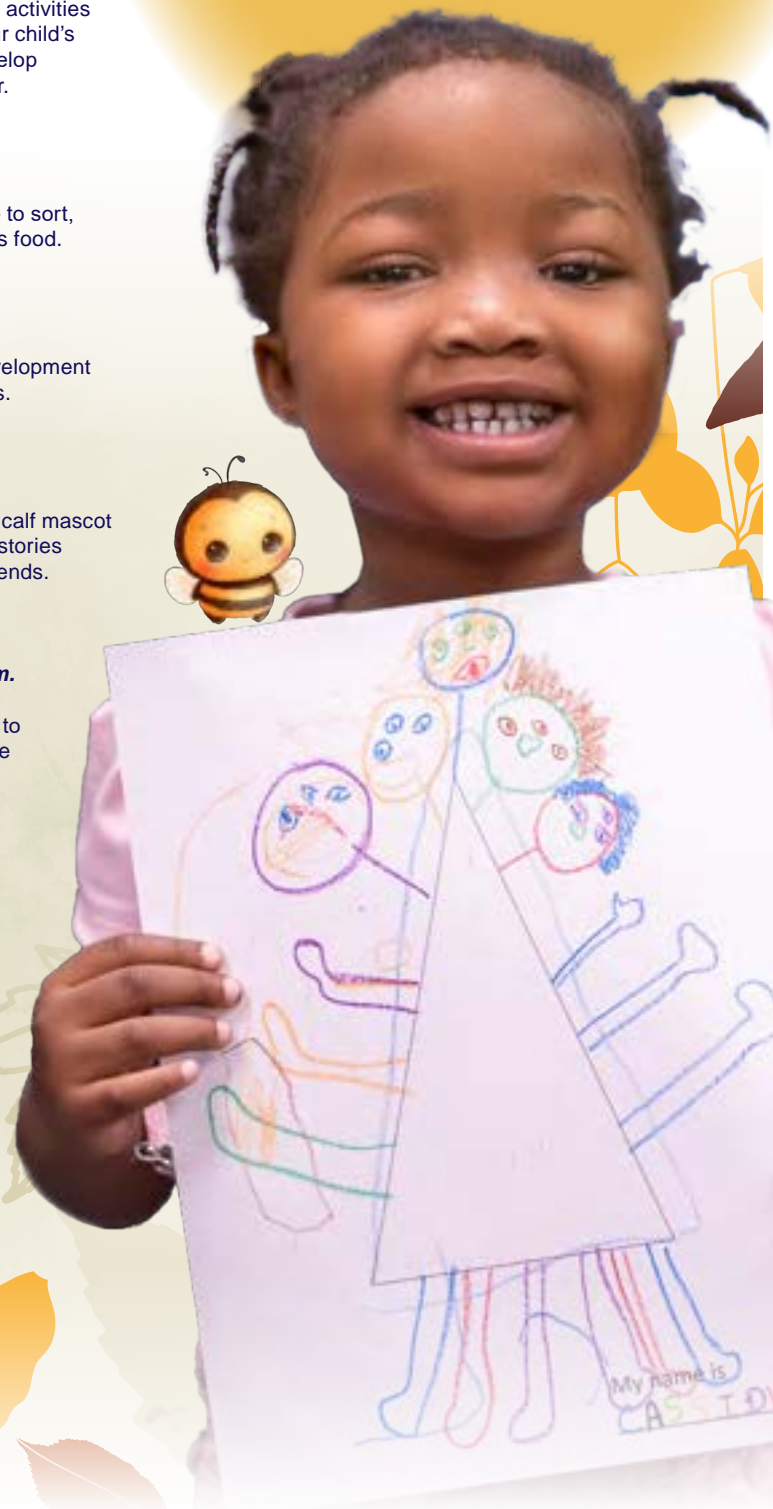
Southwest Branch

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 30, 10 a.m.-Noon

Drop-in before and after storytime

to create a make-and-take craft.

Recommended for ages 2-5.





LITTLE CHEF: COOKIE MONSTER SNACK

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual

Thursday, November 2, 11 a.m.
Celebrate National Cookie Monster Day by making a sweet treat. Adult participation is required for this event. Registration required.

Pajama Party

Virtual
Mondays, November 6-27, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

Sesame Street Storytime

Virtual
Monday, November 6-27, 11 a.m.
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a virtual storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Cuéntame un Cuento: Bedtime Stories

Virtual
Tuesday, November 7, 10 a.m.
Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda

Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, November 7-28, 10:15 a.m.
Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious. Recommended for ages 3-5.

Being Thankful

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about Thanksgiving and being thankful through stories, songs and rhymes.

Fall Festival

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.
Celebrate fall with stories, games and activities featuring apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves.

Discover America

Virtual
Wednesdays, November 8-29, 11 a.m.
Travel with us on a virtual road trip across America. Preschoolers will learn about a different state each week through educational activities, stories and crafts.

Growing Up WILD: Terrific Turkey

Southeast Branch
Monday, November 13, 10:15 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m.
Gobble! Gobble! Learn about wild turkeys through stories and a craft. Presented as a part of the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies Project WILD. Registration required.

Gobble, Gobble, Wibble, Wobble

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, November 14, 11 a.m.
Let the festivities begin! Trot into the library for a turkey extravaganza. Join us as we gobble up stories, and have fun with turkey activities and crafts.

Gobble It Up!

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, November 7, 11 a.m.
Gobble-gobble, wibble-wobble, let the feast begin! Trot into the library to gobble up some turkey stories, have fun with turkey activities and more! Registration required.

Money Smart: What is Money?

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.
Can you tell a dime from a dollar? Attendees will learn about the importance of money through identification games, role-playing and hands on activities.

Fall for STEAM

Virtual
Thursday, November 16, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Autumn with an apple volcano eruption. Caregiver participation is required.

MONEY SMART: LET'S GO SHOPPING

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 2:30 p.m.

What should we buy? Help your child learn about needs and wants while improving their decision-making skills through stories, songs and activities.



Little Chef: Dirt Patch Cup

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 16, 11 a.m.

Get ready to have an autumn adventure! Mash up cookie dirt and decorate your very own pumpkin patch.

Thankful Hands

Southeast Branch

Thursday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the fall season with stories and songs. Then get creative while crafting to share your gratitude. Registration required.

Little Artist

North Orange Branch

Friday, November 17, 11 a.m.

Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques, play with bubbles, and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Thank You Day

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

Let's be thankful for all that we have! Celebrate all the things we're thankful for with stories and crafts.

Thanksgiving Roundup

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.

Read stories of thankfulness and family, then create holiday-themed crafts to delight someone special.

Cuéntame un Cuento: Being Thankful

Southeast Branch

Monday, November 27, 10:15 a.m.

Virtual

Tuesday, November 28, 11 a.m.

Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Measure It!

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, November 28, 11 a.m.

How many? How long? How heavy? Preschoolers will learn how to find the answers to these questions through stories and fun activities measuring common household items.

Move and Play

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 10:15 a.m.

Get ready to move and groove to popular kid's songs.

Hooray for Hats

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m.

Hooray for hats! Celebrate hats of all sorts with stories and songs.



STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES (ages 0–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18–36 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5)

Hiwassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIMES

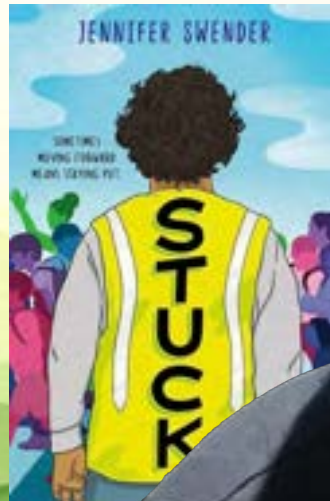
North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.

MAYOR BUDDY'S BOOK CLUB: *STUCK* BY JENNIFER SWENDER

Virtual

Wednesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with author Jennifer Swender at this month's Mayor Buddy's Book Club meeting! Recommended for ages 8-12. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida through the Division of Arts and Culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.



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Southwest LEGO Club

Southwest Branch

Wednesdays, November 1-29, 4 p.m.

The LEGO Club invites you to come use your imaginations to build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

LEGO One Scoop

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, November 2, 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, November 4, 1:30 p.m.

Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you. Registration required.

Scooby Doo Escape Room

North Orange Branch

Thursday, November 2, 4-6 p.m.

Scooby Doo, where are you? Help the gang find Scooby and earn your detective license. Recommended for families. Registration required.

Tween Art Adventures: Paper Weaving

Southeast Branch

Thursday, November 2, 4:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 4 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, November 9, 4:30 p.m.

Create a beautiful woven wall hanging using only strips of paper! Recommended for ages 9-12.

Snack Around the World: Thailand

West Oaks Branch

Friday, November 3, 4 p.m.

Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away! Each month we'll learn about a different culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer. Registration required.

Fall for STEAM

South Creek Branch

Saturday, November 4, 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate autumn with pumpkin slime and an apple volcano eruption. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Way Back When the Ashanti
Dressed in Gold

West Oaks Branch

Monday, November 6, 5 p.m.

Dive into the Ashanti kingdom and explore Adinkra symbols, soul washers, mythology and ancient Ashanti history.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West
Storytime and Craft

15572 Marina Bay Drive,

Winter Garden, FL 34787

Wednesday, November 8 & 22, 11 a.m.

Enjoy a storytime and craft program filled with fun for the whole family right in your own neighborhood!

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Kids

North Orange Branch

Saturday, November 11, 1-3 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Join us adventurers on our next quest! Recommended for families with children ages 9-15.

Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 3:15 p.m.

Meet and learn about the birds of prey that can be found in your own backyard! In partnership with the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

Cuisine Corner Junior:

Cornucopia Cones

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, November 25, 11 a.m.

Celebrate fall by creating your own delicious cornucopia out of an ice cream cone and fill it with sweet and salty treats. Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Mustache Mischief

South Creek Branch

Thursday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.

In honor of No-Shave November, we'll read whiskery stories before creating our very own mustaches.

Make and Take

Alafaya Branch

Friday, November 17, 4 p.m.

Get ready to build! Make a Home Depot wood craft to keep. Recommended for ages 6-8. Kits are limited. Registration required.

Library Pop-Up: Horizon West

DIY Gratitude Journals

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse

16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,

Winter Garden, FL 34787

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Make your own gratitude journal just in time for Thanksgiving.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch

Saturday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Saturday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.

Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida. Practice with a furry friend and build your confidence.



CUISINE CORNER JUNIOR: TURKEY THEMED CUPCAKES

Instagram and TikTok Live

Thursday, November 16, 4 p.m.

Get into the Thanksgiving spirit and learn how to decorate turkey themed cupcakes. Follow along as we spread icing and add fun toppings. Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.

All ingredients are optional and substitutions are welcome.

1 box of cupcake mix + ingredients called for on package	15 oz. of chocolate frosting
1 cup of candy corn	12 cupcake liners
1 package of Nutter Butter cookies	Butter knife
1/2 cup of M&M's	Cupcake baking tray
1/2 cup of candy eyes	

Coraline Creations

South Creek Branch

Saturday, November 18, 1:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Button Day with *Coraline*-themed crafts. Learn how to sew a button and make your own Seeing Stone. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior: New Cuisines

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, November 18, 2–5 p.m.

Cook up dishes from across time and distance, and find out where your taste buds want to travel. Recommended for ages 11–14.

Afternoon Art

South Creek Branch

Saturday, November 18, 3:30 p.m.

Discover an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each time and then create your own masterpiece.

Retro Recipes

South Trail Branch

Monday, November 20, 11 a.m.

It's a blast from the past with a fun look at some retro recipes! Cook and treat your taste buds to a delicious treat. Recommended for ages 8 and up.

Flying Fun

Eatonville Branch

Monday, November 20, 3:30 p.m.

Explore aerodynamics and the forces that make flight possible. Fold paper airplanes, create kites and race balloons in fun-filled experiments with propulsion and lift. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Feeling Good

South Trail Branch

Monday, November 20, 4 p.m.

Learn some chill skills with self calming techniques, tips and tricks.

Appreciation Stations

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 11 a.m.

Show your appreciation for family, friends, teachers, your community and whatever else you may be thankful for with craft and activity stations full of kindness!

3 Billy Goats Gruff Building Challenge

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 3:30 p.m.

Let the concepts from this classic tale jump off the pages into a fun STEM activity! Challenge yourself to build a sturdy bridge for our goat friends to pass over. Recommended for ages 6–10.

Barriletes Gigantes

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 4 p.m.

Learn about the Giant Kite Festival held each year in Guatemala and make a replica Mayan kite. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Nerdy Nanoscience

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, November 22, 4 p.m.

Zoom in and discover the science of all things very small.

READING Paws

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, November 25, 11:30 a.m.

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.

Spreading Kindness

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.

In honor of World Kindness Day, read stories about friendship and create your very own secret kindness note for someone special.

Bilingual Fun Time Para Niños

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 p.m.

Learn and practice Spanish with us de una manera divertida (in a fun way)! Children will be exposed to the Spanish language through music, stories and crafts.

Juvenile Book Club

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 4:30 p.m.

We will be discussing *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs in this month's book club. Recommended for ages 9–15.

Making Art With Lichtenstein

South Creek Branch

Thursday, November 30, 4:30 p.m.

Learn about pop art and create your own masterpiece in the style of Roy Lichtenstein. Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required.



HOMESCHOOL MEETUP: BARRILETES GIGANTES

Southwest Branch

Monday, November 20, 1 p.m.

Learn about the Giant Kite Festival held each year in Guatemala and make a replica Mayan kite. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Homeschool Meet Up

Southwest Branch

Mondays,

November 6, 13 & 27, 1 p.m.

Join us for math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your homeschool curriculum.

Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Science:

Retro Recipes

West Oaks Branch

Monday, November 20, 11 a.m.

It's a blast from the past with a fun look at some retro recipes! Toss an apron over your poodle skirt and help us whip up some classic eats! Recommended for families with children ages 6–15.

Homeschool Explorers: Art

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, November 21, 2 p.m.

Explore art and stories while meeting new friends. Support your child's homeschool curriculum with crafts and stories from around the world.

Homeschool Art:

Pop-Up Cards

West Oaks Branch

Monday, November 27, 11 a.m.

Design your own pop-up cards.

Discover the world of paper engineering while you cut,

fold and decorate cool cards.

Recommended for ages 6–15.

Homeschool:

Art Expressions

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, November 29, 2 p.m.

Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques. This month we'll learn about Takashi Murakami.

Recommended for ages 6–12.

Get Involved!

High School Advisory

Board Meeting

Virtual

Wednesday, November 1, 2:30 p.m.

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 9–12.

Middle School Advisory

Board Meeting

Virtual

Wednesday, November 1, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 6–8.

Teen Volunteering

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, November 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, November 4, 2–4 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assisting with various prep tasks for the library.

Teen Takeover

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 3–5 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 3–5 p.m.

High school students will earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits, testing new projects for future programs and performing other tasks as needed.



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RETRO RECIPES

West Oaks Branch

Friday, November 17, 4:30 p.m.

It's a blast from the past with a fun look at some retro recipes! Toss an apron over your poodle skirt and help us whip up some classic eats.



SOUTH TRAIL BOOK CLUB

Virtual

Friday, November 17, 4 p.m.

Join us to discuss this month's book selection, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* by Suzanne Collins. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Teen Art Adventures:

Colorburst Coasters

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 8, 4 p.m.

Construct your very own coaster using simple materials. The more colorful, the better!

Sharpening Money Decisions

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 1, 4 p.m.

Decisions, decisions! Explore the difference between our financial wants and needs, and why separating the two is important as we learn what it means to spend responsibly.

Paint Party!

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays, November 4 & 18, 3–4:30 p.m.

It's that time again for paint party! Create your very own artwork at three different art stations.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays, November 4 & 18, 4–5:50 p.m.

All levels of experience welcome! Come play D&D from a low level character in a long continuous campaign. Snacks are included. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Let's Play D&D: South Trail Club

South Trail Branch

Saturday, November 11, 2–5 p.m.

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D with the Adventure Begins board game. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

The Hungry Games

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, November 15, 4 p.m.

'Tis the season to be eating! Do you have what it takes to compete in a battle of wills, trivia and might for sweet treats?

Eatonville Branch Teen Film Club

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, November 18, 2–4 p.m.

Calling all teens! Are you a movie fan? Enjoy a film with fellow movie enthusiasts!

Art Club

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, November 25, 3:30 p.m.


Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Registration required.

Space Lander STEM Challenge


South Creek Branch

Tuesday, November 28, 4:30 p.m.

Aliens orbiting the Earth need to deliver important information about saving our planet. Can you help them travel through our atmosphere and land safely on Earth?



Ready to take your education to the next level? With LearningExpress Library you can get free on-demand online access to prep tools like ebooks, flashcards, videos, tutorials and practice tests for high school equivalency (GED) and college entrance exams.



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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiwassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Sunday Hours: 🕒

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr.,
Orlando, FL 32839
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32822
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

BOOK DROP LOCATIONS CLOSURES

Horizon West Book Drop

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way,
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd.,
Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are
picked up and returned to the
library Monday–Saturday.

Staff Development Day

All Locations
Friday, November 10

Día de desarrollo del personal de la biblioteca

Todos las localidades:
el viernes, 10 de noviembre

Thanksgiving

All Locations
6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 22
Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24

Conmemoración del día de Acción de Gracias

Todos las localidades:
el miércoles, 22 de noviembre a las 6 p.m.
el jueves y viernes, 23 y 24 de noviembre



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